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FOR: LAMINATE WITH A PEELABLE

TOP LAYER AND METHOD OF

PEELING OFF THE TOP LAYER FROM

THE LAMINATE

: CONFIRMATION NO.: 8403

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312

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PENULO9 SIR:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

